ASSESSMENT OF LANGUAGE COMPETENCE

ONLY COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SECTION IF YOU ARE APPLYING TO A UNIVERSITY WHERE THE LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IS NOT ENGLISH OR LANGUAGE AT HOST IS NOT YOUR FIRST LANGUAGE

To Be Completed by student

Student's name: ___________________________________________ Student # _______________________________________

Exchange Destination: _____________________________________
(1st choice university, country)

Language of instruction at host university_____________________________________________________________

Please circle the words which best describe your level of ability in the language of instruction at the host institution/country:

Reading    excellent  good  fair  poor
Writing    excellent  good  fair  poor
Speaking    excellent  good  fair  poor
Comprehension    excellent  good  fair  poor

Please describe your formal and informal training in the________________________language:
________________________________________________________________________

Are you planning to undertake any language training prior to the study exchange?  □ Yes  □ No

If yes, when and where will you be taking this training?
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To Be Completed by a Faculty Member or Language Instructor

1. How was the evaluation determined?

□ Based on knowledge of applicant’s course work in a language class.
□ Written examination. Name test and date administered: ____________________________
□ Oral examination. Date administered: ____________________________

2. Please indicate your opinion of the applicant’s present language ability in each of the following categories:

ORAL COMPREHENSION

□ None
□ Limited to slow; can produce uncomplicated sentences
□ Can participate in simple conversation
□ Can participate in conversation on simple academic topics
□ Can participate in sophisticated discussion on academic topics

SPEAKING ABILITY

□ None
□ Able to produce structurally simple, short phrases
□ Uses basic grammatical structure, speaking with limited vocabulary
□ Uses structural patterns, but not with consistent accuracy; adequate to participate in conversational topics
□ Has control over structural patterns; can handle a wide range of conversational situations
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READING ABILITY

☐ None
☐ Limited to simple vocabulary and sentence structure
☐ Understands conventional topics and non technical subjects
☐ Understands materials which contain idioms and specialized terminology
☐ Understands sophisticated materials, including those in proposed field of study

WRITING ABILITY

☐ None
☐ Writes simple sentences on conventional topics with some errors in spelling and structure
☐ Writes on academic topics with few errors in structure and spelling
☐ Writes on academic topics with idiomatic ease of expression and feeling for the style of the language

3. What is your opinion of the applicant's ability to pursue university-level course work in this language?

☐ Will require considerable training before necessary competence can be attained
☐ Will require additional training before beginning the exchange
☐ Should be able to manage adequately after a short period of adjustment abroad
☐ Should have no difficulty

4. Please add any additional comments relating to the applicant’s linguistic ability.

5. Please mark as appropriate:

☐ I do not recommend the applicant for study in this language
☐ I conditionally recommend the applicant for study abroad in this language
☐ I unconditionally recommend the applicant for study abroad in this language

If a conditional approval, what are the conditions the applicant must satisfy to receive approval for study abroad? List any suggestions (e.g. one more semester of language preparation/intensive summer language program).

Name of evaluator ______________________________ Position ______________________________
Telephone (___) ______________________________ E-mail ______________________________
Date: ______________________________ Signature: ______________________________